

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 14, 15 and 17 are allowed. Claims 7 and 16 stand rejected. Claims 8-13 stand objected to. Claim 16 has been cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 1-6, 14, 15 and 17 are allowed. The Examiner also states that claims 8-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Minor amendments have been made to claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 11-15 and 17 to overcome an informality. Applicant has amended independent claim 7 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 8. Thus, claims 1-15 and 17 should be in condition for allowance. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this preliminary indication of allowable subject matter.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 7 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frisco et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,208,307) in view of Lusignan (U.S. Pat. No. 5,649,318). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At the outset, Applicant notes independent claim 7 has been amended to include "a default transponder assignment table loaded on the communications component, the default transponder table comprising a default forward link transponder assignment table." As noted by the Examiner, the prior art of Frisco and Lusignan, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest this feature as claimed. Accordingly, Applicant

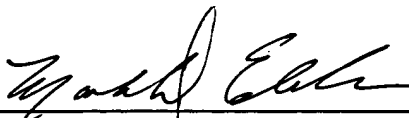
asserts independent claim 7 is patentable and in condition for allowance, and claims 8-13, which depend from claim 7, are also believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 16 has been cancelled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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